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2nd February 2009

Mrs Francois, Thamesmead
They were very nice men, quick and tidy.

Mr & Mrs Holden, Deal
The men were very nice and friendly, clean and tidy. They cleaned up and took away all the old doors they also put everything back and tidied up after they finished.

Mr A Waites, Crowborough
Fantastic service.
Excellent fitters.
Very efficient.

Miss Rose, Maidstone
Your workers were polite, very hard working and came across as genuine, helpful people. The best job, from all the work I have had done by Britelite.

4th February 2009

Mr Wood, Tonbridge
Both teams worked very hard and were clean in their habits and works. Both very polite and answered all my questions and cleaned up after themselves.

Mr Walder, Sittingbourne
Very pleased with the standard of work, even though it was only a front door. Friendly fitter who tidied up after himself. Hope to use again in the future for windows and possible conservatory.

Mrs A Atkins, Dartford
I am very happy with my new windows. Your fitters were very polite and cleaned up afterwards. They worked fast and efficiently. I will be recommending Britelite to anyone who needs replacement windows and doors.

Mrs Hicks, East Sussex
A good job and well done.

6th February 2009

Mrs J Lind, Barnhurst
Pleasant good workers.

Mr & Mrs Jones, Maidstone
Very pleasant fitters who obviously know their job. We are very pleased with the installation. Thank you.

Mr L E Taylor, Crowborough
All the teams worked very well and were very helpful. The top team worked on to finished the job and did not leave until after 8pm. Thanks to all concerned on a good job well done.

Mr A Alexandrou, Sandwich
Extremely satisfied with the installation and the professionalism of the installers. Would definitely consider Britelite for further work in the future.

Mr & Mrs Walton, Cliffeville
Very satisfied with workmanship of the two young men who fitted the windows.

9th February 2009

Mr A Saward, Swancombe
Top Team have been just that! Where do you find such hard working polite men? It has been great having them here to do our work. Well done to the fitters.

Mr A Davis, Sittingbourne

I researched for months on what to get as replacement of my windows and doors. I can personally assure you in our Britelite fitter are the best by far. The whole journey has been first class from the initial no pressure salesmen visit to the helpful customer to the very professional fitter who kept me informed of all doors and windows privately. Nothing was to small trouble for them, a first class job and a very very happy customer who will definitely recommend them to everyone and I will not consider anyone else for future work I need.

10th February 2009

Mrs B Poocock, Broadstairs

The work was carried out efficiently and clearly. Everywhere was left in perfect condition. A job well done, thank you.

11th February 2009

J H Cooper, Rainham
Very impressed, both men never stopped smiling.

12th February 2009

Mr J Butcher, Ashford
Could not fault the installers. They did not stop working from the moment they arrived - very pleased.

13th February 2009

Mrs S Scotchmuss, Sittingbourne
The fitters were friendly and extremely competent at their job, and left the site clean and tidy.

Mr Leacock, Ashford

Professional enthusiastic and pleasant members of staff.

Mr & Mrs Olliey

The fitters are good clean workers, good job well done. We have been using Britelite since the late 1970's

Mr S Clark, Sittingbourne

Very pleased with the windows, service and fitters.

Mrs Mist, Dartford

Your service was very pleasant, very tidy and very, very quick. Everyone was impressed.

Mrs P Kitting, Rainham

The fitters were polite, helpful and patient. I feel at ease with them in my home.

Mr & Mrs Nichols, Maidstone

Once again well done Britelite as with our conservatory the service was excellent and the installers could not have been better. From the sales to the finished product a job well done.

Mrs Sinclair, Maidstone

I am very impressed with the team that fitted my new door. They both worked so hard and were very professional. There was no mess to clean up either. They did a fantastic job. Thank you.

Mr P Cleaver, London

Great windows, great price, top of the market product at a very reasonable price, great staff too.

Miss House, Tonbridge

We have been most impressed with the service we have received. The estimate was received on the day of our initial enquiry, the installation has taken place with in the projected time-scale. Our installers were pleasant, polite and efficient.

Mrs Tehrani, Walmer

Workmanship and helpfulness excellent.
I have already received several comments on how good the new door looks.

Miss Turner & Mr Leadbetter, Folkestone
Very tidy finish and the window looks great. Thanks

20th February 2009

Mrs T Sandys, Cliffwoods

The two men who fitted my door were efficient and pleasant in manner.

23rd February 2009

Mr S Tole, Croydon
Excellent service throughout.

Mr Aldous, Ramsgate
Fitter very clean and tidy. Very happy with windows would recommend to others.

Mr Weekes, Ashford

We are very pleased with our new windows and front door. The quality and workmanship is excellent. The installation team were very clean and quick. We had no mess or damage anywhere and done. Both the sales rep and the supervisor were so helpful in making sure we got what we asked for we would not hesitate to recommend Britelite to anybody.

Mrs Gracie, Greenford

Very pleased with the windows and doors very good workmanship.

Mr & Mrs Sears, Maidstone

The salesman was a pleasure to deal with. The sales & top team were extremely hard working and completed the job to a high standard would have no hesitation in recommending Britelite to friends and family.

Mr T Hills, Dartford

Excellent product fitted to a very high standard. The fitters were extremely quick. Very little disruption and very tidy. Many thanks.

Mr & Mrs Hogbin, Canterbury
Very friendly workers, came in and got on with the job. Cleared up after, left no mess and did fantastic job. Very pleased with end result.

Mr & Mrs Judd, Marden
The four men worked well as a team and installed 9 windows between 8.30am and 1.00pm they were very pleasant and competent. They left the house and surrounding area clean and tidy. We are very pleased with the finished result and cannot believe how quickly the task was executed. Thank you.

Mrs S Miles, Folkestone

Found your fitters to be very cheerful, friendly and cleared away all debris. Would recommend you to anyone thinking of improvements.

Mr & Mrs Gray, Chatham
As usual you team were very professional, polite and courteous. They cleaned after themselves and left my home tidy we are very pleased with our conservatory install. Well done! (This is the third time we used Britelite)

16th February 2009

Mr Fenley & Miss Doyle, Dartford
The group of fitters were very polite, efficient and very helpful. I was really at ease having them in my home, which they respected. They worked hard to finish the job, no rushing, just a good finish. Thank you.

Mr & Mrs McManus, Welling
Extremely pleased with the way fitters worked. A nice clean tidy installation.

Mrs V Rogerson, Ashford
Very hard workers and polite and courteous.

J Grawes, Erith

The installers did an excellent job.

18th February 2009

Mr T Dorney, Biggin Hill

The two fitters worked exceptionally hard. They were polite and courteous and did a brilliant job in fitting 8 windows and 2 doors in just 2 days. Their standard of work was excellent. My wife and I are very pleased with the high standards of your company.

Mr M Coles, Isle of Sheppey

Fitters were excellent.

19th February 2009

Mr Lawlor, Tonbridge

Both installers were polite, friendly and explained what they were doing as they went. Got me to check I was happy with each window as they went. Very pleased with windows and installers, would definitely use again and recommend.

All testimonials are genuine and can be inspected at Britelite's Show Centre

These are just a few of the testimonials we received since February 2009

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PROMS WAS A SUCCESS

Families enjoyed picnics and musical entertainment during the Proms in the Park on Saturday night. The glorious Bank Holiday weekend weather attracted hundreds of families to Whatman Millennium Park in Maidstone to watch the annual free music event.

The crowd of youngsters and adults waved St George's flags and were treated to spectacular performances of Rule Britannia, Jerusalem, and Land of Hope and Glory.

Phantom of the Opera star Jill Washington was also on hand to get the audience singing along with the musical numbers from West End shows such as Oliver, and classic hits from Abba and Queen, before an impressive firework finale.

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY IAN READ

THE search has begun for a memorial to a forgotten hero which is probably gracing a rockery in the garden of a home.

Captain Louis Nolan was killed at the beginning of the Charge of the Light Brigade when trying to stop cavalrymen charging the wrong guns in the Crimea.



His body was dumped into an unmarked battlefield grave but shortly afterwards his fellow officers put up a 12-foot memorial in Holy Trinity Church in Maidstone.

Nolan had been in barracks in the county town before shipping out to Crimea. But when the church was decommissioned the memorial disappeared and hasn't been seen since.

The church is now a home for disadvantaged youngsters but in its heyday Captain Nolan and his fellow cavalry officers from the nearby barracks used to worship there.

Sue Moore, manager of the Stonham Home which now occupies the church, was aware of Captain Nolan's story but wonders what happened to the memorial when the church was converted in 1997.

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Companies can help make 2012 dreams reality

■ BY ANNA WHITE

A PROMISING rower is hoping a newly-launched sponsorship website for Maidstone's top athletes will help him bring home gold from the London 2012 Olympics.

The new site, www.maidstonesdream.co.uk – Bring a Medal Home which is funded by Maidstone council and supported by Yourmaidstone, officially went live on May 12.

It features profiles of Maidstone's top athletes and sportspeople, including their specialist sport, sporting history, aspirations, coach, greatest achievements and proudest moment.

Businesses can search through the profiles and choose who they would like to sponsor and help that athlete take their sporting talent all the way to London 2012.

Yourmaidstone will run a profile on one of the keen athletes once a month, starting with Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club member – Morgan Hellen.

The 16-year-old is currently studying for his GCSEs at Oakwood Park Grammar School, in Maidstone, but is hoping the new site will help him net the sponsorship money he needs to take him all the way to the Olympics.

He said: "If I received sponsorship it would mean that my dad would be able to take me to all the trials and constant journeys around the country and Europe, without putting my family under financial pressure that I feel I do sometimes."

"In the near future, this year and next, I hope to represent GB at the junior Coupe de la Jeunesse or Junior World Championships. In the far future I hope to row at the Olympics and win Olympic gold medals."



HIGH HOPES: Teenage rower Morgan Hellen

The teenage sportsman first found his passion for rowing when his school held an assembly when he was in year seven about the sport, which led to his involvement with the after-school rowing club and then Invicta.

During his sporting career Morgan, who is part of the national J16 coxed four, rowed for the Junior 16 Great Britain Rowing Team when he was aged 15, a year earlier than the usual requirement.

Other achievements include becoming the national champion two years in a row and National Schools champion in the double scull, plus he has won a medal in every year he has entered the British Indoor Rowing Championships. But he claims his proudest moment is when he first put on his GB rowing kit.

Morgan admires five-time Olympian, rowing legend Sir Steve Redgrave, but says his hero is double Olympic gold medalist James Cracknell.

Any business or athlete wishing to register their interest should contact Karen Jeal on 01622 602759 or email maidstonesdream@maidstone.gov.uk.

yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

Hunt for a third man involved in stabbing

POLICE have arrested two young men on suspicion of attempted murder after a man was stabbed during a night out in the town centre.

The two men, aged 23 and 19, were arrested last Wednesday following the incident in St Faith's Street, on May 9.

The victim has been recovering at a London hospital. Both were released on police bail to return to Maidstone police station on Saturday. A third man is still being sought.

Anyone with information should contact the Mid Kent Crime Investigation Team on 01795 419161 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Cheeky thief's brazen manhole cover snatch

POLICE are hunting a thief with a thick moustache who stole manhole covers from the roadside.

The brazen offender was seen taking two of the metal covers – presumably for their scrap value – from Faversham Road, Lenham, on May 12 between 3.40-4pm. He was white, 5ft 8ins tall, well built with a thick moustache and wore dark trousers.

He drove a white Leyland Ford Transit with a metal cage attached and parked on a bend in the road.

Anyone with information should contact 01622 690055 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Black-tie event raises cash for charity climb

A HOTEL raised more than £8,000 by hosting a gala dinner to help a former soldier climb Mount Kilimanjaro for charity.

The Village Hotel held the black-tie event on May 9 to raise funds for Lee Horton's five-day climb in aid of Help for Heroes charity, which helps soldiers wounded in the line of duty.

Mr Horton, 33, who has been using the hotel's gym facilities free of charge for training, wants to raise at least £10,000 through the climb. He served with the 3rd Royal Horse Artillery for eight years before starting Athena Security Solutions in Dartford.



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New design to light up our dated high street

■ BY ANNA WHITE

THE county town's new high street will be a pedestrian-friendly realm filled with al fresco restaurants and a colourful new lighting scheme.

Maidstone council's cabinet chose Letts Wheeler Architects as the winner of the high street design competition on Thursday.

The Nottingham-based architect company will get a £4 million budget to improve and renew the tired, dated high street, which runs from the Mall Chequers to the River Medway.

The council's cabinet member for regeneration Cllr Malcolm Greer, who is spearheading the competition, said: "After much deliberation the jury panel chose Letts Wheeler's scheme.

"We picked them because they can deliver the high street Maidstone wants. Now we will talk to them and develop their ideas and carry out consultations to add details to their design."

The winning design won the judges' vote through its "clutter-free, simple, homogenous approach".

Letts Wheeler's design incorporates two large pedestrian town squares outside the Town Hall and in Lower High Street to allow events such as farmers' markets and for cafés and restaurants to spill on to the wider footpaths.

To highlight the town centre's nightlife the company has proposed a "dynamic colourful new lighting scheme" to make the public realm safer and to improve lighting for key buildings.

To improve the banks of the River Medway there are plans for a new riverside café and bar



PAVING THE WAY: An artist's impression of the transformed high street, which will also have a new lighting scheme

to be built beside the water to replace the existing toilet block, which the architects say will provide a romantic setting for couples.

Kent artist Chris Tipping has been appointed by the council to work with the winning architects and refine the design.

To ensure the new high street is accessible the council has employed Barry Ginley, from Maidstone, who became visually impaired after an eye operation went wrong in 1994.

Mr Ginley will be able to give Letts Wheeler a first-hand approach to ensure the designs can be used by everyone.

The competition was first launched by the council in January in partnership with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

Architects from across the world were asked to submit designs which were judged by Cllr Greer, John Farmer from Kent County Council, architectural advisor Robert Sakula, the council's director of prosperity Alison Broom, and James Porter, who was observing for RIBA.

The cabinet made the final decision after the judging panel chose a shortlist of five designs from the 76 entries, which were put on display for public consultation from May 5.

Councillor is on mission to find memorial

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She said: "Whoever converted the church was unaware of Captain Nolan's significance. The memorial was taken away with building rubble. A couple of large, ornate columns were taken at the same time."

Interest in the cavalryman has been sparked by the publication of a new biography *Messenger of Death* by David Butters, as reported by YourMaidstone last month, which highlights the prejudice Nolan faced because he was the grandson of a trooper and was an expert in his field.

Attempted

During the early Victorian period officers bought their commissions and didn't bother to study current military thinking.

The result was disaster in the Crimean War in 1854.

Cllr Fran Wilson has made it her mission to find the missing memorial.

She said: "Both Cllr Clive English and myself have attempted to find out what happened to the memorial."

"If we cannot find the original it would be nice to raise the money to have a copy of the memorial made."

Footballer is behind bars after landmark double jeopardy case

A FORMER Maidstone United footballer has finally admitted he killed his ex-girlfriend six years after he was found not guilty of the crime.

Mario Celarie was cleared of battering Cassandra McDermott to death in 2001 by a jury at the Old Bailey, after he said he had left her "alive and well" shortly before her death that same year.

Six years later Mr Celarie confessed he had killed Miss McDermott to his new girlfriend, Kara Hoyte, before he attempted to murder her as well in February 2007.

Because he had been cleared of murder and manslaughter for Miss McDermott, 18, it was a case of double-jeopardy where he could not be tried twice for the same crime.

But in a landmark case the prosecution lawyers successfully appealed to the Court of Appeal for the law to be scrapped and the case to be re-opened.

Celarie had changed his name to Mario McNish and was playing as a defender for Maidstone United Football Club before he was arrested for hitting Miss Hoyte with a hammer, causing her substantial brain injuries.

Celarie was charged of attempted murder in December 2007, bringing the original case back to light.

The former footballer was due to stand trial for murdering Miss McDermott at the Old Bailey on Thursday.

But instead of standing trial he entered a guilty plea for Miss McDermott's manslaughter and attempted murder of Miss Hoyte – which was accepted by the prosecutors, The Times newspaper reported.

Celarie is now the first person to be convicted of a crime since the double-jeopardy law was changed in 2005, which allows a trial to be re-opened if there is "new and compelling" evidence.



JAIL: Mario Celarie killed eight years ago

Widdicombe interested in Speaker's chair

TOUGH-talking MP Ann Widdicombe would be interested in becoming an interim speaker in the House of Commons following the embarrassing resignation of Michael Martin.

She said: "I would not do it in the long term because I have already made it clear I am retiring at the next general election. If Parliament considers that an arrangement might be the best thing in the circumstances that is different. I am listening to what people are saying."

One of those backing her to replace shamed Mr Martin is Nigel Evans, the Tory MP for Ribble Valley.

He said: "The institution of Parliament is in need of serious reform. I would like to see Ann Widdicombe in the Speaker's chair helping to lead that reform."

"She has served her constituents with distinction for many years. She is well-respected across the House and well-known across the country for her integrity, independence and high moral standing. I hope she will put her name forward and if she decides to stand, I will back her all the way."

Backbencher

When it was pointed out she was becoming a popular choice, she said: "Well I would very much like to think so, but of course the only place where popularity counts for this purpose is in the House itself, because that's where the votes are."

And even if she did become Speaker, the 61-year-old confirmed she will be standing down at the next general election. She said: "Yes, that is definite."

Another of Kent's MP being linked with the post is senior backbencher Roger Gale, Conservative member for Thanet North.

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Maidstone North East - Sandling
Current elected member: Ian Chittenden (Lib Dem). Candidates: Ian Chittenden (Lib Dem), Derek Eagle (Green), Charles Elliott (UKIP) and Jeff Tree (Con).

Maidstone Rural East - Detling, Thurnham, Hollingbourne, Ulcombe, Broomfield and Kingswood
Current elected member: Empty – previously the late Sandy Bruce-Lockhart (Con). Candidates: Steve Gibson (Lab), David Naghi (Lib Dem) and Jenny Whittle (Con).

Maidstone Rural North - Boxley
Current elected member: Paul Carter (Con). Candidates: Paul Carter (Con), Jeanne Gibson (Lab), Gareth Kendall (UKIP), Ian McDonald (Green) and Kenneth Stevens (Lib Dem).

Maidstone Rural South - Sutton Valence, Chart Sutton, Hawkhurst and Staplehurst
Current elected member: Eric Hotson (Con). Candidates: Eric Hotson (Con), Robin Kinrade (Green) and Hugh Laing (Lib Dem).

Maidstone South East - Leeds, Langley, Otham, Park Wood and Boughton Monchelsea
Current elected member: Brian Wood (Independent). Candidates: Gillian Annan (Lab), John Botting (UKIP), Gary Cooke (Con), Rob Field (Lib Dem), Jon Hicks (Ind) and Alex Waldie (Green).

Maidstone South - Tovil and Shepway
Current elected member: Alan Chell (Con). Candidates: Gary Butler (National Front), Alan Chell (Con), Richard Coates (Lab and Co-Operative), Clive English (Lib Dem), Stephen Muggeridge (Green) and Sheena Williams (Ind).

Maidstone Rural West - Loose, Yalding, Marden, East Farleigh, West Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and Coxheath
Current elected member: Paulina Stockell.
Candidates: Edith Davis (Lab and Co-Operative), Sandra McDowell (Green), Brian Mortimer (Lib Dem), Paulina Stockell (Con) and Keith Woolven (UKIP).

Malling Central - East Malling and West Malling
Current elected member: Trudy Dean (Lib Dem). Candidates: Teresa Cannon (English Democrats), Trudy Dean (Lib Dem), Alice Holier (Con), David Lavery (Lab) and Helen Long (Green) and Peter Stevens (UKIP).

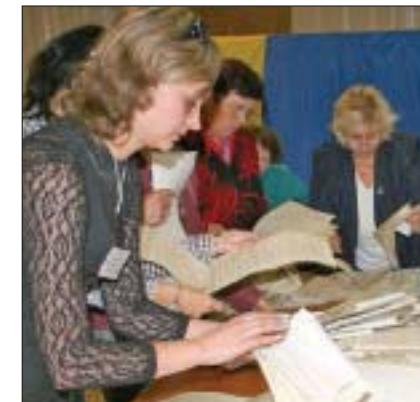
Malling Rural East - Wateringbury and Kings Hill
Current elected member: Richard Long (Con). Candidates: Kathleen Garlick (Lab), Gillian Scott-Jones (Lib Dem), Frances Long (Green), Richard Long (Con), David Waller (UKIP) and Alan Woodley (English Dem).

Malling North - Leybourne, Wrotham Heath, Offham and Snodland
Current elected member: Sarah Hohler (Con). Candidates: Paul Hickmott (Lab), Sarah Hohler (Con), Howard Porter (Green), Lisa Rogers (English Dem) and Elizabeth Simpson (Lib Dem).

Malling West - Borough Green
Current elected member: Valerie Dagger (Con). Candidates: Valerie Dagger (Con), Victoria Hayman (Lab), James Menzies (Lib Dem), Richard Mountford (Green) and Laurence Williams (English Dem).

Malling Rural North East - Eccles, Aylesford and Ditton
Current elected member: Geoff Rowe (Lib Dem). Candidates: Terry Bilsland (English Dem), Peter Homewood (Con), David Lettington (Lib Dem), Andrea Ralph (Green) and Thomas Shelley (Lab).

Leave your mark



CANDIDATES: Gary Cooke (Con), Ian Chittenden (Lib Dem), Marianna Poliszczuk (Lab), Stuart Jeffrey (Green) and John Botting (UKIP) are all hoping they can count on your vote

...and have a say on European

VOTERS will head to the polls next week for the European Parliamentary Elections.

The mammoth elections, to be held on Thursday, June 4, will see 72 UK candidates take up the position of MEPs.

A total of 133 candidates have put themselves forward for the South East region and will battle it out for just 10 seats.

All the major parties are represented, along with other groups such as No2EU: Yes to Democracy, The Peace Party, United Kingdom First and The Jury Team.

The European elections use a proportional representation voting system in which the number of seats each party wins is calculated

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

according to the share of the vote they achieve.

The main parties' mini manifestos are below. The Liberal Democrats were approached but did not respond in time.

Conservatives

We believe in an open, flexible Europe in which countries work to achieve shared goals rather than the ever greater centralisation of power in Brussels.

We believe that in democracies nothing lasting can be built without the people's consent –

and yet people have been denied their say on the renamed EU Constitution.

A Conservative Government would amend the 1972 European Communities Act so any future EU Treaty that transfers powers from the United Kingdom to the European Union would be subject to a referendum of the British people.



A selection of comments from last years show

"Found it very useful and worthwhile, great venue for this industry. Met the right people and made good quality contacts". Kent Architecture Centre & Planning
"Perfect platform for finding new suppliers and networking" - Croner
"Excellent show got 56 leads with several proposals already out." - GEP Safety Consultants
"Excellent well run Show" - GSE Holdings

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on county elections...

WITH the Kent County Council elections fast-approaching the main political parties have told Yourmaidstone what they would bring to the county town if elected.

There are 41 candidates for seats at County Hall in the Maidstone area in the June 4 elections, and 27 candidates for seats in Malling areas.

The Conservatives currently have the majority of seats at KCC, including five of the eight current elected members for the Maidstone districts, and the present KCC leader is Tory candidate Paul Carter.

Gary Cooke is standing for the Conservatives in Maidstone South East – which includes Leeds, Downswood, Park Wood, Otham and part of Boughton Monchelsea, and has an electorate of more than 11,000.

He said: "As the Conservative candidate, I have been out and about meeting and talking with residents during the last three months.

"KIG has been a big issue for many people, not just in Leeds, Downswood and Otham but also in Shepway because of the impact it would have on traffic flows in Willington Street.

"In some of the more urban areas, anti-social behaviour is an issue that concerns residents. There is a general level of concern about traffic and congestion on our roads as well as the state of the roads.

"Interestingly Maidstone Hospital continues to be an issue for many residents who are very concerned about loss of services at the hospital for our county town."

The Liberal Democrats are hoping Labour and Conservative voters disappointed with their own parties will lend them their vote, rather than not vote at all, to allow them to reduce the

■ BY ANNA WHITE

Tory majority sitting at County Hall.

Ian Chittenden, 62, has been a Liberal Democrat county councillor for Maidstone North East for the past two years and is hoping to retain the seat.

He said: "It has always been a close call between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives in Maidstone but I hope the residents have seen the amount of work I have put into the division over the years.

"In the past I have successfully challenged the Tories to improve safety on Maidstone's roads following a nine-month report into the number of deaths and injuries on our roads – which are the highest in Kent.

"In my own division I want to add and improve community facilities as there are currently none."

Other Liberal Democrat election policies include focusing on keeping key services at Maidstone Hospital, keeping the fast train services from Maidstone to London, environmental issues and reduce the amount of spending at County Hall.

The Labour party is appealing to voters to choose their candidates for county council seats to enable the public to benefit from the Labour-run Government.

Marianna Poliszczuk, who is standing for Labour for the Maidstone Central seat, said: "We want every resident to have an affordable home, good roads and pavements, better recycling, safe streets and excellent education for our children."

Although Green Party candidates have failed to gain a Maidstone seat at KCC in the past their key candidate, Stuart

Jeffery, is hoping this election could change that.

Mr Jeffery, who is standing for Maidstone Central, said: "Maidstone central is where the Greens have always had the greatest support so it is where our main strength and focus is.

"I will be delighted if I am elected, and if I am I would want to see the county council to start investing money in state education, alternative solutions to solve the gridlock on the county's roads, ethical local businesses and creating local green jobs."

The UK Independence Party has candidates standing in five Maidstone districts, which they say are all key areas for them to give the public the "real choice they deserve".

UKIP candidate for Maidstone South East, John Botting, said: "We believe in a local referendum where people can call a binding referendum on any major issue. This one thing alone would stop KIG in its tracks."

If elected Maidstone UKIP candidates would act freely without any party control to route out



waste of council tax payers' money and go public with any issues we feel need to be in the public domain."

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The Green Party is fighting for a Greener Europe.

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An improved commitment to social justice is a key Green concern.

A Green New Deal in Europe must include more democracy, including referenda on aspects of EU policies, and more powers for the European Parliament over the un-elected Commission.

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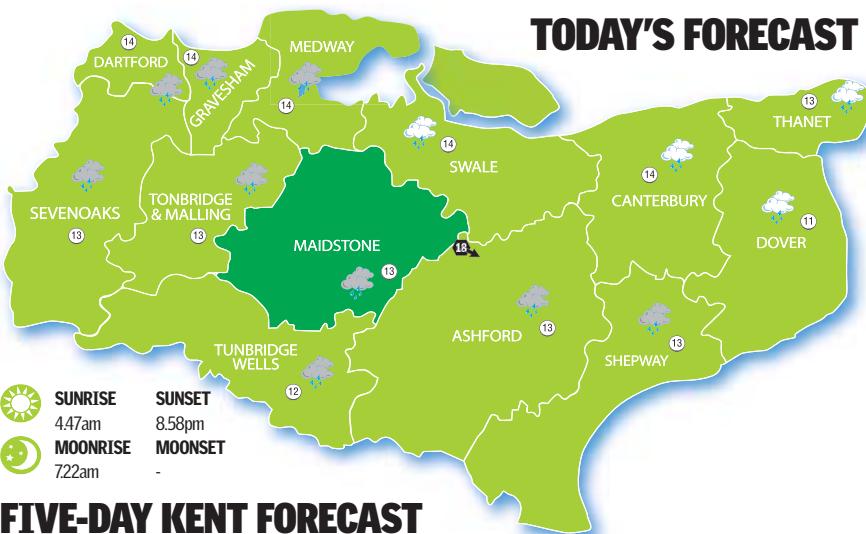
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Dover	Saturday	4:41pm	6.2m
	Sunday	5:42pm	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:21pm	6.8m
	Sunday	5:27pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:11pm	4.7m
	Sunday	6:12pm	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:57pm	5.3m
	Sunday	6:40am	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:55pm	4.9m
	Sunday	6:48am	4.9m



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ALL-CHANGE: Outgoing Mayor Denise Joy hands over the chain of office to new Mayor Peter Parvin

New mayor takes charge

A FORMER police officer who once ran on the same running track as Sir Roger Bannister has officially begun his new role as Mayor of Maidstone.

Maidstone council unanimously voted to elect Conservative councillor Peter Parvin to replace Maidstone's outgoing Mayor Denise Joy last Wednesday.

After undergoing the official change-over of the mayoral robes and chains, Mayor Parvin said: "It is my privilege to stand here before you and I stand here a proud man."

He was born in Lambourn, Berkshire, to a horse racing family, and has been married to Daphne – a former mayor of Maidstone and fellow Maidstone councillor – for 54 years.

Together they have two children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, with two more on the way, who all live within the county town.

Cllr Joy described her time as mayor as "amazing" and thanked her family and husband Kenny for their support.

It was also unanimously agreed that Cllr Eric Hotson (Con) should become the next Deputy Mayor of Maidstone.

The new mayor will be taking part in the Civic Parade in Maidstone High Street, on Sunday, starting at 11am.

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ROBIN WILKINS



Q & A

Robin Wilkins, the UK managing director for SeaFrance, spoke to **Marijke Cox** about how the ferry industry is suffering in today's stormy economic climate and what they are going to do to secure the company's future

Q How did you first get involved with SeaFrance?

A A recruitment consultant called me when SeaFrance was being set up. At the time I was working in London as VP Europe for Cunard Line but the company had become very Americanised and had lost its way. And living in Broadstairs, the commute to Dover was more appealing. I love a challenge and nobody gave SeaFrance a chance of survival when it started after the split with Stena. A year later, it was Stena who threw in the towel.

Q What does your job involve?

A I head up the management of the UK arm of SeaFrance with a staff of 150. We are responsible for all the revenue generation in the UK, plus the port operations and relationships with local, regional and national government, and other organisations. Seventy per cent of the company's tourism revenue comes from our sales and marketing effort. I spend quite a lot of time with my co-directors in France.

Q What do you think makes SeaFrance different from other ferry services on the Channel route?

A I think our ships, our staff and our French heritage set us apart. We have invested heavily in new tonnage – over £300 million since 2001, and have the most modern fleet on the route. Onboard, the style and service is unmistakably French. For example, our

Brasserie food is freshly cooked on the ship, not previously made ashore, as on some ships I could mention. And before you travel, I think we have the best reservations service and slicker customer handling in the port.

Q Are you confident that SeaFrance can get through the struggles of the current economy?

A I am. The cross-Channel market, especially freight, has slumped over the last 18 months and there is too much capacity. By and large, our costs are fixed so the business is very sensitive to revenue changes – up or down! Additionally, the fall of sterling has hit us hard, as much of our revenue is in pounds but our costs are in euros. Competition in the ferry business is fierce and basic fares have been driven down to uneconomic levels. But we have a restructuring plan which will get us back into long-term profit. Painful but necessary.

Q What is the hardest part of your job as managing director?

A Explaining the English to the French, and the French to the English! Apart from that, taking unpleasant decisions and accepting that everyone has a boss and so you can't change everything you want to.

Q What is the best thing about your job?

A The variety, the challenge and being able to do something to affect the outcome. I enjoy

the teamwork of business. I think my staff are better than those of our competitors. Maybe that's why they often try to poach them!

Q What three reasons would you give to someone looking to cross the Channel to use SeaFrance?

A A. We have the most stylish and spacious ships, which makes for a comfortable and relaxing crossing in a unique continental atmosphere. B. Price and value – we try to have the lowest fares to Calais, which is by far the most popular route. C. Be different and surprise yourself. Enjoy a touch of Frenchness and don't be a P&O sheep.

Q What is the next step for the company?

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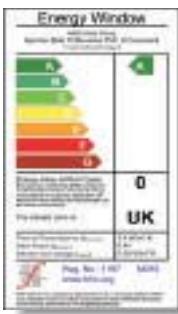
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■ BY NEILL BARSTON

THE Garden of England lived up to its name at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

The Royal Horticultural Society's annual showpiece attracted thousands of green-fingered fans and the champagne corks were popping after Kent entries netted a haul of nine accolades, including silver and gold awards.

Among those celebrating was Sittingbourne-based landscaping firm Marshalls. Its smart show garden, entitled Living Street, earned a silver gilt award.

It showcased four distinct designs of futuristic front gardens.

Winning designer Ian Dexter said: "The whole journey to create the garden has been a wonderful experience and receiving this medal has made it even better. The team worked seamlessly and this is a magnificent commendation to everyone involved in the project."

"The concept of creating four front gardens in the Show Garden category has never been done before, but what we wanted to achieve was to highlight to everybody that front gardens are wonderful spaces where you can be creative and have fun, in very much the same way we use our back gardens; from places to socialise in to even growing your own fruit and veg."

Also doing the county proud was designer Jo Thompson, from Cranbrook, and Merriments Gardens, who won a silver gilt medal for their Demelza Garden.

Their aim was to produce a garden which would be a relaxing environment and it will be



TRANQUIL: Jo Thompson from Cranbrook and Merriments Gardens created this soothing Demelza Garden, above; while Marshalls' Living Street, inset left, was designed by Ian Dexter

rebuilt for the children at the Demelza hospice in Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, in the coming weeks. A delighted Mrs Thompson said: "Having spent a great deal of time in Italy – my father is Italian – I have been inspired since childhood by the great villas of Tuscany and Rome. Their strong shapes and sense of theatre play an important part in my style."

Winning his third award in as many years was Benenden's Chris O'Donoghue, who claimed a silver gilt for his imaginative medieval garden.

His equally ambitious project last year, a Moroccan courtyard, attracted plenty of interest as he became the first person to have ani-

mals accompanying his display, bringing in a donkey to add to the desert scene.

This year his display featured a range of medicinal herbs which caught judges' eyes.

He said: "It's great to have won an award here. Having previously been a potter, I'm happy to be making my way using mud rather than clay these days."

"I didn't bring any animals this year – I don't think they are letting anyone do that now. The donkey ended up staying at the Royal Horse Barracks last time."

Patricia Ellis, of Orpington, accepted a gold award for her unusual flower arrangement.

The TV coverage of this year's show was hosted again by Alan Titchmarsh, with visitors including the Queen and actress Joanna Lumley, taking a well-earned break from her campaign in support of Gurkhas' rights.

KENT WINNERS

GOLD

Patricia Ellis, Orpington
Category: Flower Arranging, 1st Session
Ms M Odd, Ashford, NAFAS
Category: Floral Marquee

SILVER

Jo Thompson, Cranbrook, Demelza Garden
Category: Courtyard Garden
Chris O'Donoghue, Cranbrook
Category: Courtyard Garden
Dr S Charlesworth, Hadlow, Downderry Nursery
Category: Floral Marquee
Roger Platts, Edenbridge
Category: Floral Marquee
Heather Angrave, Tonbridge, Old Walled Garden
Category: Floral Marquee
Maggie Temple, Sevenoaks
Category: Flower Arranging 1st Session
Marshalls, Sittingbourne
Category: Show Garden



SILVER: Chris Donoghue's Courtyard Garden

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Now is the perfect time to add strawberries to your shopping list at www.foodforkent.co.uk as they are coming through thick and fast and are of great quality; packed full of flavour.

I managed to taste quite a few from different Kent suppliers when I was down at the Foodforkent.co.uk HQ filming the third episode of my new internet TV series, Made in Great Britain, which you can view at www.pod3.tv or download the full episode free from iTunes.

During my visit to Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, I was also able to pick some fresh asparagus and went foraging for wild garlic, which is bang in season at the minute and sadly only lasts for about one more month.

Wild garlic is so versatile and can be used in salads but also adds flavour to soups or even to infuse cream for dauphinoise potatoes. The flower can be used to garnish fish dishes and even to lift a salad.

While at Bank Farm, one thing which greatly impressed me was the free-range egg farm and how well the chickens were

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips is a supporter of our 2009 KOS Media campaign, encouraging readers to buy from local suppliers. In the latest of his exclusive columns, he takes a close-up look at the joys of the strawberry – and shares one of his favourite recipes.



kept and how happy they seem. Happy chickens produce great eggs. I took some away with me and cooked a poached egg dish with the freshly picked asparagus – heaven. Duck eggs are currently in abundance at the moment too and there are some special deals on Foodforkent.co.uk which you can take advantage of.

Talking of things nostalgic, I was back in school earlier this month opening a new dining room and kitchen at the Sutton Valence Preparatory School in Chart Sutton, Maidstone, and did a cooking demonstration to 200 children, parents, teachers and governors.

We did a quiz with the children on food from around the county and why we should

buy local and what advantages it brings to the environment and our pockets. They loved it, and it was great to see how aware the children were of the issues and how they understood that by buying local and fresh produce the taste is so much more enhanced. It was a great day.

My recipe today is one of my favourite deserts, bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries and this is a dish that conjures up all of those nostalgic images and feelings of summers past and those to come. I hope you enjoy it and don't forget if you have any cooking or recipe questions, email me at richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk and I will be happy to answer them.

Richard Phillips

Bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries

Ingredients

1 x sheet of shop-bought puff pastry
4 tablespoons of strawberry jam
Almond paste (see recipe below)
2 egg yolks (for the egg wash)
1 quantity of royal icing (see recipe below)
Handful of flaked almonds
1 punnet of Kentish strawberries
1 tablespoon of icing sugar
2 tablespoons of balsamic vinegar
Vanilla ice-cream or cream to serve

Almond Paste – combine ingredients
200g butter
200g caster sugar
100g whisked eggs
50g plain flour
100g ground almonds

Royal icing – combine ingredients
225g icing sugar
35g egg whites
splash of lemon juice



Method

- Roll out the puff pastry to a 3mm thickness
- Butter four individual tartlet cases and line with the rolled-out pastry
- Place a tablespoon of the jam in the base of each one. Pipe in the almond paste, leave space at the top of the mould, brush with the egg wash, now place another sheet of rolled out puff pastry over the top. Using a rolling pin, roll over the tartlet mould to cut off the edges. Leave to rest for 20min.
- Pre heat the oven to 170c.
- Using a palette knife, spread a thin layer of royal icing over the top of the tart and sprinkle with a few flakes of almonds.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven for 20min or until golden brown on top.
- Warm the strawberries in a pan with the icing sugar and balsamic vinegar for 3-4 minutes, just until the juices start to come out of the strawberries. Allow to cool
- Place the strawberries on top of the tart and serve with a scoop of ice-cream or drizzled with cream.



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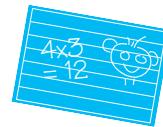
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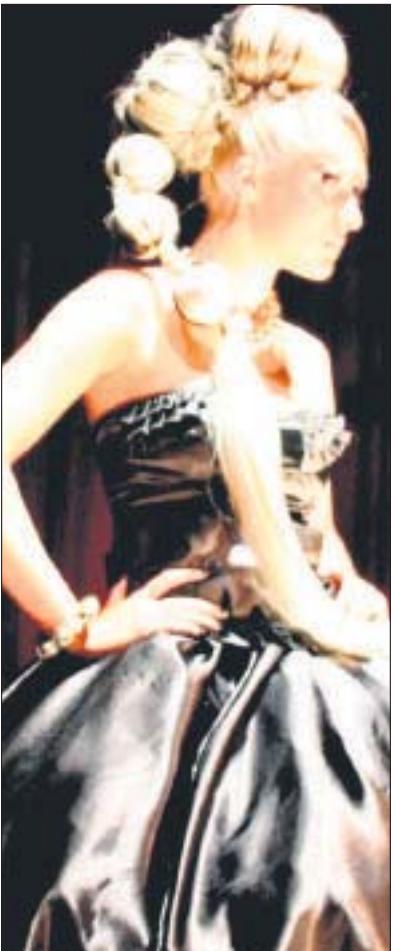
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FUTURE prospects at a Maidstone college have been labelled "outstanding" in a glowing report by the country's education watchdog.

After visiting the four main MidKent College sites, the Ofsted inspectors issued a



HAIR WE GO: On the catwalk at MidKent College's hair and fashion show earlier this year

■ BY ANNA WHITE

detailed report praising the Maidstone and Medway campuses.

They described the current overall effectiveness of provision within the colleges as "good" with "outstanding" capacity to improve.

Government assessors highlighted the work-based advanced apprenticeships' success rates, and said the provision within hairdressing and beauty therapy is also "outstanding".

The report praised the "very high standard" of work completed by the hairdressing and beauty students and said they are "stretched to achieve challenges in all lessons" and have their "confidence and motivation developed by teachers".

Course success rates have remained high for the past four years and since 2005 the NVQ level three courses have consistently exceeded the national averages by about 26 per cent.

NVQ levels one and two have also continued to maintain their good marks by exceeding national averages by about 20 per cent also since 2005.

Beverley Noble, head of school for hair and holistic therapies, said: "We're thrilled with the outcome of the report."

Proud

"At MidKent College we strive to deliver exceptional levels of training and support to all our learners and we're extremely proud of the work we do."

From their visit to the Oakwood Park site in Maidstone, the report praises the college's senior managers and governors for strong leadership and having a "clear and well conceived vision and strategic direction".

The report also applauded the college's plans to refurbish the Maidstone site to coincide with its new £86 million Medway campus, to be opened in Gillingham in September.

College principal and chief executive Stephen Grix said: "I'm delighted with the report as it officially recognises MidKent as a good college with an extremely promising future."

"We have achieved a great deal in the past three years and are looking forward to improving even further as we move into the next academic year and beyond."

BREAK TIME

Hadlow's finest reach fruition

GREEN-fingered students will be showcasing their finest garden and flower designs at a college festival next month.

The inaugural summer exhibition allows Hadlow College's final year Garden Design and Landscape Management students to display their talents.

Their work includes final year designs for Calverley Park in Tunbridge Wells, which was first laid out between 1829 and 1837.

The park has not met its full potential and the students, led by international landscape designer Jamie Liversedge, have looked into the park's heritage and come up with 21st century designs to improve the site.

Landscape management students will also be demonstrating aspects of the course at Hadlow College.

The campus event will also incorporate a display from the multi-awarding department of floristry.

On show will be examples of work aimed at giving visitors and insight into floral decorations, displays and portfolios.

The exhibition will be held in the Design Studio and is free and open to all from Monday, June 8, to Sunday, June 14.

Opening times are: 10am to 5pm on June 8 to 10; 10am to 5pm on June 11; 10am to 5pm on June 12; 10am to noon on June 13; and 11am to 4pm on June 14.

Throughout there will be festival talks by guest speakers, expert gardeners and floral designers.

For full details on the lectures planned, call 01732 853211.

Tickets can be obtained from Hadlow College's Broadview Centre.

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More public holidays are of a high political importance

EVERYONE loves Bank Holidays and we have just had two.

Earlier this week, in fact, we all had a day off and before that there was May Day – long celebrated as a day for the workers and thus well publicised by the Labour Party.

It may have been an official holiday a few years before he took power, but Tony Blair was always very keen to recognise it. But now there isn't anything until Monday August 31 – more than three whole months without a break.

I know people will be taking their holidays in the summer months but there is something extremely satisfying about knowing a three day weekend is coming up. So, why not another holiday in the summer?

With David Cameron surely set to become our next Prime Minister it is something for him to look at. I am sure he could make himself extremely popular within days of coming to power by announcing another summer holiday.

But what dates or times would be best?

Well, just coming up is the Queen's Official Birthday which falls on Saturday, June 13. So a holiday would be the following Monday – or, just maybe, the Friday beforehand. Can you imagine the joy everyone would have at finishing a week at work on a Thursday night?

It would make coming in on the Monday before a pleasure. Every time you felt a bit down all you need to think is – you'll be finished a day before normal.

And that's not the only date he could consider. It may be a bit 'hippy' but how about celebrating the summer solstice.

It's on June 21, this year a Sunday. So the following Monday could be Midsummer's Day Bank Holiday. That would be just as popular.

Then the following Saturday is a new celebration – Armed Forces Day. So how about the Monday there for a Bank Holiday. It would be a bit more sombre maybe.

But it would be a chance to say thank you to those servicemen and women in such places as Afghanistan. After all Remembrance Day is

always a Sunday and there are no public holidays which recognise serving soldiers, sailors and airmen or the countless dead of the wars of the 20th century.

I know the Scots have a Bank Holiday this year on August 3 so I thought we should take that off as well. But it turns out that they don't have the last Monday of the month so it balances itself out.

Maybe the previous ideas are lacking in the political correctness department. Well the Islamic fast of Ramadan starts on Saturday, August 22, so how about a holiday then?

Great time of the year for a day off too ... mind you if everyone observed the correct Muslim rules – no drink, food, smoking or sex between sun up and sun down – some people might just wish they were at work.

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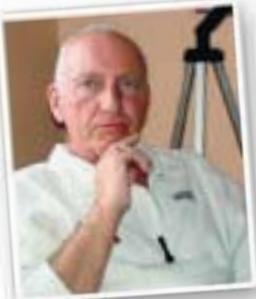
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TALK TIME

HANNAH PERCIVAL

The Police Community Support Officer for Allington and Bridge talks about the problems in the area and how she plans to address them



Tell us what your role includes.

I work within the area dealing with community issues such as anti-social behaviour, by providing high visibility patrolling and targeting low-level criminal activity.

What are the main issues in the area, which have been raised by the residents?

Issues with relation to speeding have been raised by residents and we have problems particularly with mini-motorcycles, which have become a nuisance. There is also a concern with anti-social behaviour in the Giddy Horn play area, yet overall my areas are very peaceful.

How do you plan to address these issues?

As with all areas in Maidstone, myself and other PCSOs provide high visibility patrolling and I work with the local police officer to deal with any anti-social behaviour issues. I make a point of communicating with the residents face to face so that they are aware of the help available to them. Recently, my colleagues and myself attended Allington Primary School to talk to the reception year about People Who Help Us. We got the children involved in fingerprinting and dressing up. By engaging with these youngsters at such an early age we hope this will instil a sense of good citizenship.

How can residents get in touch with you?

I can be reached by email at maidstoneurban.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk, or in the Urban Neighbourhood Office on 01622 604391. I also hold surgeries once a month at Anton Library on Castle Road. If you are interested in coming, the next meeting is being held on the May 27 at 3pm.

YOUR LETTERS

WE'RE NOT GANG OF CROOKS, SAYS MP

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Widdo to weald power in Commons

I read with interest your front page story last week on Ann Widdecombe saying how angry she is that some MPs have tarnished the reputation of them all by abusing the expenses system.

I also see this week that she is being linked with taking over the role of Speaker of the House of Commons until the next General Election, after Michael Martin was forced to step down by his failure to bring about reform.

Well, if Miss Widdecombe is truly as upset by the immoral behaviour of certain MPs as she claims, then hopefully she will take on the job.

She has served Maidstone and the Weald well and strikes me as someone that people listen to, whether they like it or not!

Let's hope a year as Speaker will be enough to overhaul the Old Boys' Club mentality that has seen expenses claimed for moat cleaning and ducks.

The British people deserve politicians to lead by example

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Delighted by Gurkha news

I would just like to say how delighted I was to hear the

Gurkhas' good news.

In a fortnight when there has been nothing but dismal news about our politicians, it was lovely to hear some good news which was well deserved.

Good luck to you all and thank you for all you have done for us in the past. I sincerely hope we can live up to your expectations.

Jo Lane, comment posted on web story at www.yourmaidstone.co.uk

Fired Mona admits gay was wrong for Margate

Gays can enjoy same as everyone else

In your paper last week you carried the story about the attempt by The Apprentice TV show contestants to rebrand Margate as a gay resort.

Why should gays have their own special place in the sun or by the sea? Recently Canterbury was criticised for not being gay friendly enough.

But what has a person's sexuality got to do with whether a place is attractive to them?

Surely gays, as much as anyone else, like looking at heritage sites, good restaurants and places to have a drink.

The lack of a designated gay club shouldn't be enough to put them off a whole place.

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Terry Martin, by email

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I wish you well – for all our sakes.

Adam Thomson,
by email.



watching my parents suffer from such a distressing disease, I found it a real struggle just to get the right practical support.

Of course, I am not alone: thousands of people in this area provide unpaid care for a relative, friend or child who is ill, frail or disabled.

In fact three in five of us will be carers at some point in our lives, yet the difficulties that carers face often go unrecognised.

This year's Carers Week, which takes place from June 8 to 14, will combat this by recognising and celebrating the contribution made by this secret service of carers, with local and national events.

I am calling on all your readers who are carers to visit www.carersweek.org to see what's happening locally and find out more about the help available to them.

Tony Robinson,
TV presenter and actor, by email.

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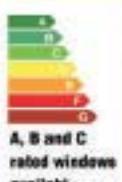
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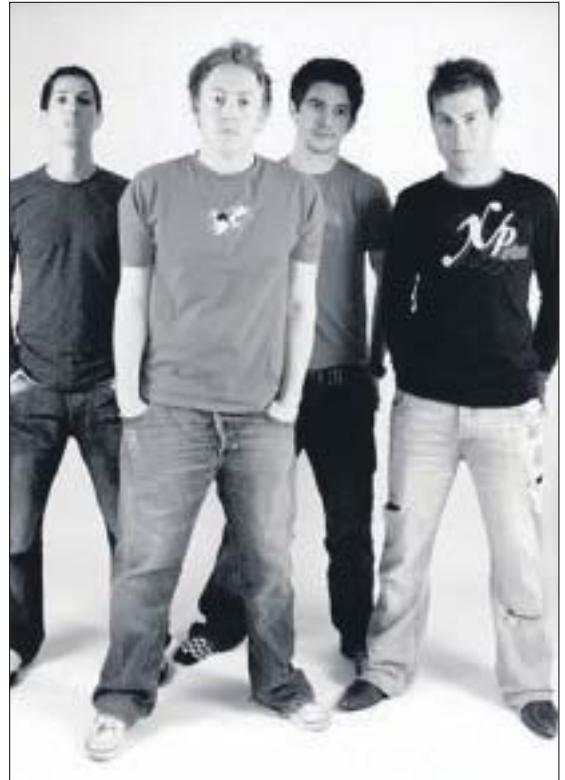
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Kent's Diverse Music is setting up a database of talent that will span the county, and YOU can be a part of it.

The recently-launched Diverse Music Auditions will help to establish a large network of musicians.

It will give performers the chance to broaden their musical horizons, with the possibility of linking up with like-minded people who also want to forge a career in the industry.

Once the database is up and running the team will be able to draw on the information to match singers with songwriters, musicians with bands and so on.

Those behind the scheme will then draw upon their knowledge and skills to help people advance their ambitions and to make new and exciting music.

The project could lead to the formation of bands, new contacts and the benefit of the expertise of the industry experts who run the company.

Better still is the fact that auditions are completely free for those who want to take part.

Diverse creative director Malissa Whitehouse said: "Everyone who participates will have their details taken and will audition in front of a music

■ BY TOM BETTS

industry panel.

"The overall aim is to let a lucky artist, musician or band feature on one of our in house productions, where they will be credited and have a CD to show to labels, publishers and agents.

"It's a money can't buy prize as this door wouldn't usually be open."

She added: "It's about opening up our doors to everyone so we find some great talent which we know is here in Kent. The possibilities are huge and we are excited about what the future holds."

The studio may be set in unconventional surroundings, in Bilting in between Ashford and Canterbury, but the place is set up with all the latest i-tech recording equipment you could need and also has a separate rehearsal room.

Diverse are now calling on Kent's musicians and performers to get in touch with them to request an audition.

To enquire about an audition spot email Malissa at Malissa@popsesions.co.uk.

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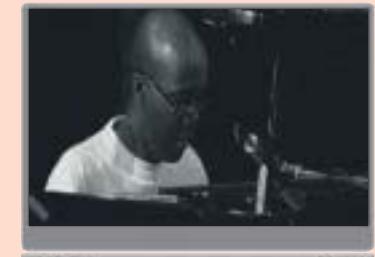
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The Old Plantation Inn is a traditional, family-run pub – a real rarity in these days of so-called gastro pubs. You can get a great meal at the Old Plantation, of course, but there are no pretensions that this is a restaurant.

"It's a pub and proud to be a pub," said landlady Judy Begg, who, with daughter Sioban and husband Paul, has been running the pub for three years.

It has a league-winning quiz team and a darts team, and the petanque pitch is currently being renovated and players sought.

"People come here to relax, enjoy a beer, and have something good to eat that doesn't leave a hole in the bank account," said Judy. Families and pets are welcome, there's a large garden and a patio.

The Old Plantation offers four real ales and five lagers, a smooth beer, Guinness and



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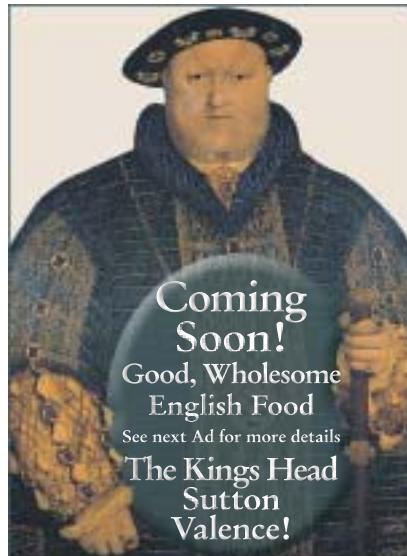
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A tale of one city

Rochester will go back in time to celebrate the life of Dickens

ONE of the literary world's greatest figures is celebrated with the 31st Dickens Festival this weekend.

As the author of timeless classics such as Great Expectations, Oliver Twist, A Tale Of Two Cities and A Christmas Carol, Dickens became one of the world's greatest storytellers. Since his death at Gad's Hill Place, Higham, almost 140 years ago, his work has continued to inspire readers, film-makers and aspiring writers across three centuries.

His connection with Rochester is well known as Dickens spent some of his formative years in Medway and drew inspiration from the area for some of his most memorable settings.

For example, Restoration House in Rochester was the model for Satis House, the old mansion owned by jilted bride Miss Havisham in Great Expectations.

A busy programme of entertainment awaits residents and visitors at this year's vibrant festival, from theatre and music to exhibitions, workshops and children's readings at venues across the city.

The fun begins with The Dickens First Night Ball at the Corn Exchange on Thursday, where costumes are a must. There will be lots

of opportunities to discover the Victorian way of life with a traditional fun fair, costume competitions, children's period games and the City of Rochester Society's festival craft fair, all taking place at Rochester Castle Gardens.

Along with all the old favourites that have delighted crowds for years, there will be some new highlights. The Guildhall Museum forecourt hosts A Novel Birthday Party, which will be a tea party like no other as Dickens characters celebrate the 150th anniversary of A Tale of Two Cities.

The Great Chuck Dickens takes on Bill Make No Peace Thackeray in The Big Match and Victorian melodrama receives a comic parody in The Black Widow – both events take

place in Rochester Castle Gardens. Discover the fascinating entertainment provided by the Magic Lantern in demonstrations being run at Eastgate House.

A Victorian atmosphere will prevail as grand parades of costumed characters transport the streets of Rochester back to the 19th century and there will be plenty of traditional entertainment, from Punch and Judy shows and organ-grinders to Victorian music-hall acts.

Learn more about the history of this fascinating historic city with a free 90-minute walking tour.

Another addition to this year's festival is Traditional England, taking place at The Vines on Saturday and Sunday. Celebrating all that is glorious about England in the summer months, the event will feature shire horses, a tug of war competition, falconry displays, country craft stalls, demonstrations and more.

For the full extensive festival listings, download a brochure at www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival, or phone Medway Visitor Information Centre on 01634 843666 for more information.

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MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL

Monday, June 1 & Tuesday June 2
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

CHERYL Baker stars in a light-hearted celebration of 'the change', Menopause The Musical.

From hot flushes to forgetfulness, there are plenty of laughs to be found in this feel-good show that uses humour to diffuse the tyranny of hormones. Baker stars alongside Sue Hodge – who played Mimi in 'Allo, 'Allo – Ellen O'Grady of Doctors fame and West End performer Susie Fenwick.

The story follows the Earth Mother, Soap Star, Power Woman and Mulholland Housewife as they come to terms with the menopause, attempting to deal with the physical and emotional symptoms. Featuring parodies of popular songs that everyone knows, the show has been a big hit in the US, Australia, Canada, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Africa and South Korea. It was written by Jeanie Linders, who decided to write a fun musical after suffering a hot flush and altering the



lyrics to Rod Stewart's hit Hot Legs.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50, concessions available. To book call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or visit the website at www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

FARMYARD FRIENDS WEEK

Running until Sunday, May 31
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LEARN all about animals this half-term as The Hop Farm holds its Farmyard Friends Week.

Meet the residents and find out more about these fascinating creatures, such as reindeer, llama, pigs, goats, shire horses, Shetland ponies, ferrets, rabbits and Degus, which originate from Chile. The shire horses provide a connection with attraction's heritage, as it was once a working hop farm, and a family of three magnificent beasts still reside there today. See how they would have been prepared for work during the harnessing demonstrations and hear more about their role working the land.

Experienced staff care for the creatures at the Animal Farm and this week there are regular sessions where visitors can learn about grooming, feeding, exercising, breeding habits and natural habitats.

The Hop Squad Farmers song and dance shows will be entertaining the crowds with a farmyard theme in The Big Red Top and there will be plenty more to keep visitors



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For more information call 01622 870821 or visit www.thehopfarm.co.uk.



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The band is led by pianist and composer John Harriman, whose musical heritage ranges from being Head Chorister of Westminster Cathedral Choir to playing piano in the brawl-prone clubs of downtown Hollywood. He is joined by leading jazz trump-

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peter Steve Waterman, Professor of Jazz Trumpet at the Royal Academy. Cuban percussionist Chino Martell Morgan, drummer and top timbalero Marc Cecil and bass guitarist Tim Robertson, from New Zealand, complete the line-up. More information about the band can be found online at www.headssouth.com.

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A magic weekend at the Trinity Theatre

ONE of the UK's most exciting up-and-coming conjurors works his magic at the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells this weekend.

Richard Bellars has been hailed as a 'top class performer'. Richard Bellars: A Night of Magic And Mind Control can be seen at 8pm, Saturday. Tickets cost £12.50/£10.50. Book at www.trinitytheatre.net or call 01892 678678.

Helping charity will be a tweet in Nature Week

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help raise funds for the RSPB during Love Nature Week.

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He's finally back on the big screen and he's found God

■ BY KATE WHITING

WHILE shooting Moulin Rouge, the smash hit Baz Luhrmann musical set in Paris, Ewan McGregor romanced Nicole Kidman on a movie set in Sydney rather than Montmartre.

And while latest movie Angels & Demons is set in a sun-drenched Rome, the star says he didn't make it there either.

"Imagine that? That was the only reason I took the job and then they said my scenes were in LA."

"I've often fantasised that Rome would be a great place to work."

"Swan off set with your sunglasses on, walk to the nearest cafe, but that didn't happen."

In the blockbuster adaptation of Dan Brown's novel, McGregor plays Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, a man charged with the interim ruling of the Vatican City after the death of the pope.

The Vatican denied permission for any filming to take place within its walls, so director Ron Howard set about reconstructing the location's most famous sights – including the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel – in Los Angeles.

Angels & Demons marks a return to the big screen for McGregor after a spell pursuing other interests – notably motorbiking around the world with best friend Charley Boorman.

He's back in the game with a bang. High-profile movies this year include I Love You Philip Morris, with Jim Carrey and The Men Who Stare At Goats, with George Clooney.

Angels & Demons is the follow-up to 2006's controversial The Da Vinci Code. But while The Da Vinci Code film sparked protests from



WHEN NOT IN ROME: Actor Ewan McGregor

the church, Howard's latest adaptation of Dan Brown's work has been billed as "harmless" by one Vatican reviewer.

The Scottish actor, 38, admits he's not religious but says he wouldn't have put his name to an 'anti-Catholic' film.

"I don't think it attacks the Church. It's a far-fetched story set in the world of the Vatican, which is an interesting world."

The camerlengo he plays has been brought up in the church, adopted by the late pope, and has to make difficult choices to uphold his faith.

In McGregor's words, he's "extreme in terms

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of what he does, but he's doing it to save his church".

The experience was an interesting and educational one for the actor.

"I wasn't brought up with any religion, so all the ceremony, the funeral and some of the ritual stuff we did was new to me," he said.

"We had a priest on set to help us with that and make sure we were accurate."

When he's not away filming, Ewan is very much the family man, splitting his time between homes in Los Angeles and London.

In 1995, he married Eve Mavrakis, a French production designer, and the couple have two daughters, Clara, 13, and Esther, seven.

In 2006, they adopted Jamian, now seven, from Mongolia.

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Cookman became the victim of crime earlier this year when a burglar broke into her Whitstable home and stole her laptop.

Luckily, she completed the novel using back-up files. Murder In Bloom is published by Accent Press and priced at £6.99.

Sir Attenborough and aliens, all at Bluewater

TWO exciting authors will be signing copies of their new books at Waterstone's at Bluewater soon.

Claire Freedman, writer of the award-winning children's picture book Aliens Love Underpants, will be signing copies of Aliens in Underpants Save The World at the store on Saturday at 2pm.

Sir David Attenborough pays a visit at 12.30pm on Thursday, June 4, to promote his updated autobiography, Life on Air.

For more details call 01322 624831.

National Trust plants seed of interest for kids

CHILDREN are being encouraged to grow their own vegetables as part of the National Trust's new campaign, Food Glorious Food.

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■ BY LESLEY RICHARDSON

AFTER one capsize too many, Spliff, our lazy-eyed Antiguan sailing instructor, decided to call it a day.

It wasn't the capsizing or the getting wet that abruptly ended our class, it was the array of minor injuries we'd all accumulated.

A bloodied head, bruised thigh and the black needles of at least three sea urchins speared into one trainee's bare feet before Spliff – real name Cliff – took us in with a polite "thank you for your cooperation".

Lesson one: bring waterproof shoes to a Sunsail holiday.

Spliff was teaching us to tack a Topaz dinghy as part of the Royal Yachting

Association beginners' course on Turkey's delightful Bodrum peninsula with his legendary mantra of doing everything in a relaxing manner, nice and "smooth".

It was plain sailing while aboard the training dinghy, safely on the beach and going nowhere.

Out on the water, it was a different story trying to balance with the winds flapping against the sail, avoiding a head thwack from the boom and trying not to crash into other hapless craft in the training bay.

Out in Camel Bay, the conditions are ideal for the experienced skipper – in fact, Club Javelin's motto is "designed by sailors as a club for sailors".

It's obviously a concept which appeals to all age groups. Early in the morning, the lighter winds in the sheltered training bay are ideal for beginner sailors and windsurfers.

The children's clubs – for all ages – also take to the water to learn or develop watersports skills.

Luckily the club has £40,000 worth of safety boats on patrol ready to give any hapless sailor drifting out to sea a lift back ashore.

Club Javelin also offers thrill-seekers the chance to waterski, wakeboard and ride in an inflatable Ringo, all at extra price.

And after an active day in the sun, the only remedy for a tired and salty sailor is to crash

out on the soft cushions of the jetty bar with a cool beer or two.

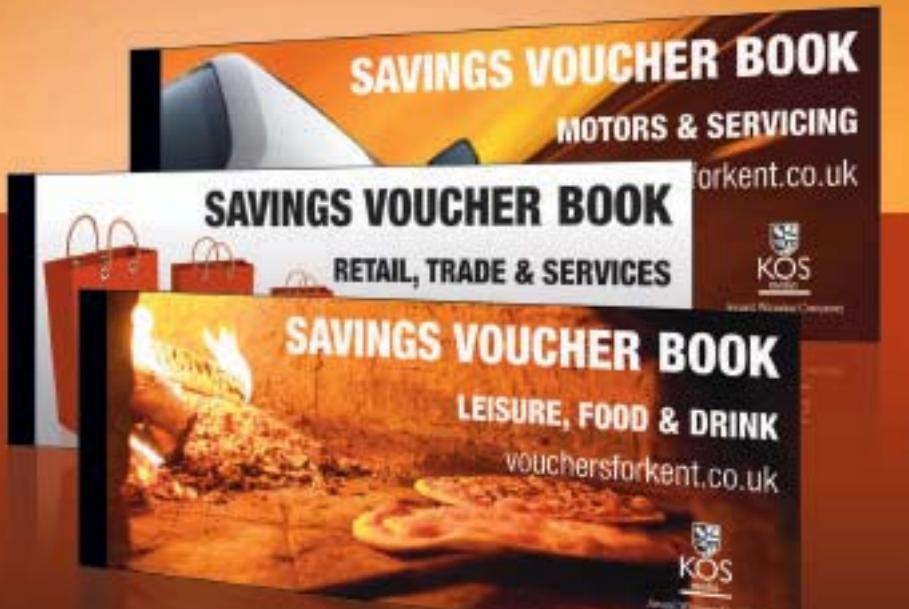
Parents don't have to feel guilty about abandoning their little ones for the entire day, and evening, too. They are likely to have had far too much fun to spare a thought for the oldies – trying out all kinds of watersports, landsports such as cycling or tennis, or arts and crafts.

Club Javelin recently had a £3 million facelift, with a completely new development built from the existing hotel.

And for those with cabin fever, Bodrum is a bus-ride away with its bustling markets, cafés and harbourside restaurants.

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Religion	Muslim/secular
Climate	Mediterranean

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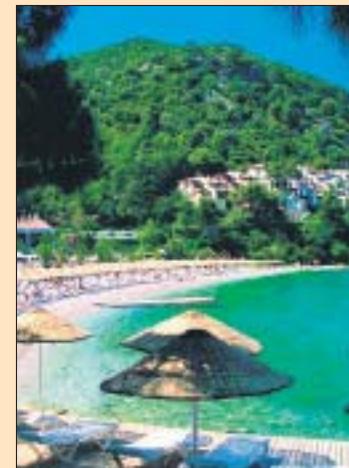
Lesley Richardson was a guest of Sunsail, which offers seven-night all-inclusive holidays in Club Javelin on the Bodrum peninsula from £789.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY BY TOM BETTS

STAR TREK

Sci-Fi, 5pm, week nights

WITH the fantastic Star Trek reboot still playing in cinemas it's worth revisiting the original series, to see where it all started and to see just why it became such a phenomenon.

If you haven't seen those original 79 episodes before then I urge you to do so because they are stone cold classics – and don't let anyone tell you any different.

While I was, of course, aware of the series it was only a couple of years ago I looked in on these properly when BBC Two started to show back-to-back episodes late on Friday nights.

I was mighty surprised at just how groundbreaking, charming and entertaining they really are.

Geek heaven the Sci-Fi channel is probably your best bet to indulge yourself as it is seems to stick these on given any opportunity, with the release of the new movie an obvious time to wheel these episodes out once more.

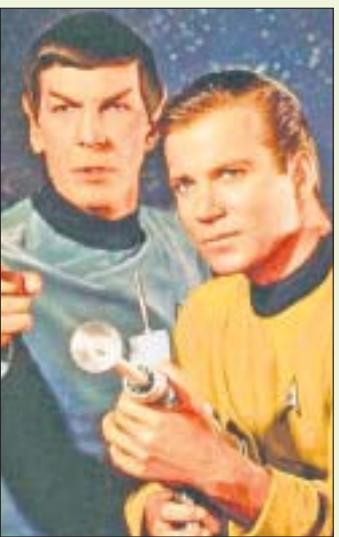
It's hard to put your phaser on just what exactly makes them work so well but, for me, despite some of the ridiculous costumes and odd hammy moment, there is a real warmth and conviction here.

It manages to have a soul and that is something that often gets lost other science fiction offerings.

I've never really got into the numerous spin-offs such as Voyager and Deep Space Nine and what I've seen of the Next Generation seems terribly dull and lifeless in comparison.

The whole phenomenon started to take itself too seriously and became the realm of those obsessives who learn Klingon and make their own Starfleet uniforms.

Here, however, there's a certain humanity and onus on friendship and



TRAIL BLAZERS: The original Star Trek was among the most iconic TV shows ever made

hope which is pulled off without ever being overtly mawkish or saccharine.

There is also a genuine chemistry between the cast and the characters never feel flimsy.

The stories are great fun – be they set on another planet full of interplanetary babes or back on Earth in a parallel dimension – and set conventions still followed today.

The originals must be among the most iconic TV shows ever made and stand the test of time.

Those well known catchphrases come at every turn, while William Shatner's bizarre delivery of his lines never fails to raise a smile.

The original series is probably the most iconic show of all time, so any self-respecting telly addict needs to tune in at least once.

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BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)
FINANCIAL restrictions may force you to scale back holiday plans. This is a real disappointment, but try not to dwell on it. There is a lot to salvage from this situation and you don't need a lot of cash to enjoy yourself. The more upbeat you are, the more luck you will attract.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOUR home life could be undermined by a new relationship. It seems as though your family doesn't approve of someone who is dear to your heart. In situations like these, you need to make a choice. Trying to have a foot in both camps will just make everyone miserable.

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ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 19)
IF you want to make a good impression you need to lighten up. Although your dedication to your job is admirable, it's also a warning bell to anyone who might be romantically inclined toward you. Nobody wants to get involved with a workaholic. Draw on your hidden reserves.

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CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 22)
DISTURBING memories could stop you from being honest with a colleague. This is not a good week to accept a job or negotiate a contract. Wait until next month to commit or you could feel pressured into accepting terms that will make you miserable.

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LIBRA

(Sep 24-Oct 23)
UNFORESEEN problems could block your progress. It may be necessary to drop an ambitious plan or take a menial job. Try not to let this undermine close relationships. Sure, someone could make an insensitive remark. When that happens, voice your displeasure and move on.

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CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20)
A NEW job will force you to learn some advanced skills. It won't be easy to master these lessons. In fact, it may take years for you to become an expert. Still, your hard work and diligence will pay off. If you're trying to lose weight, don't beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon.

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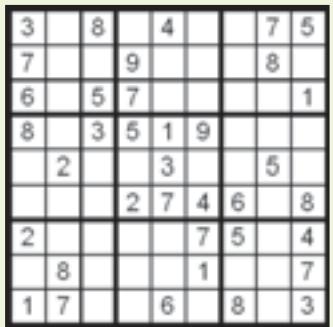
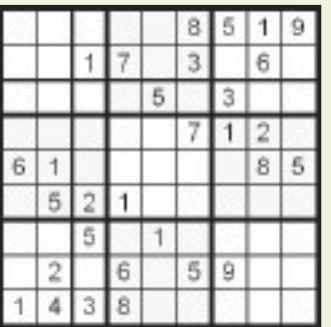
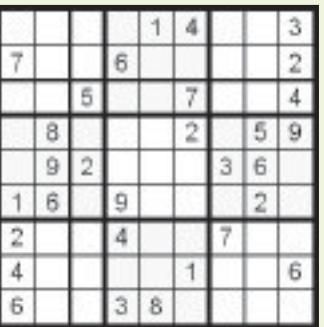
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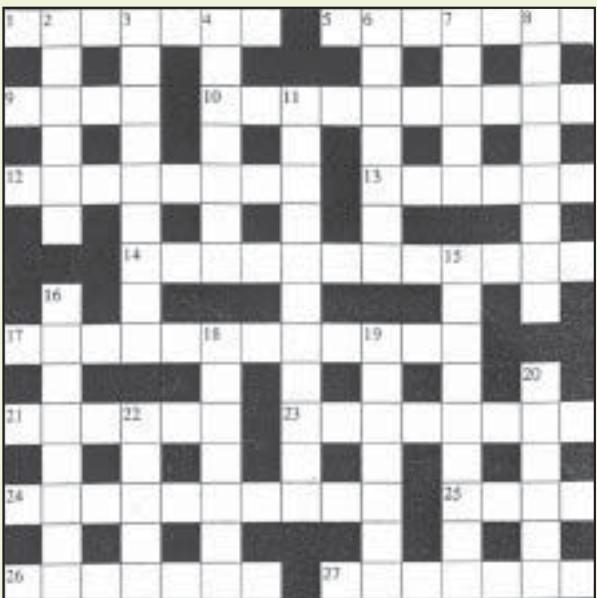
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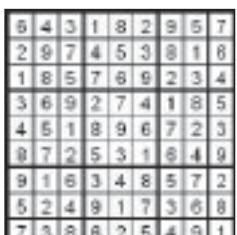
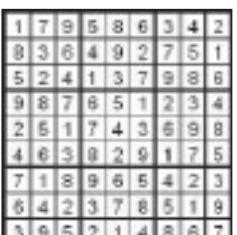
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 13 The doctrine of belief in one God (6)
 14 Through which one is unwavering in devotion to a party (5-3-4)
 17 Feeling one's suffering (12)
 21 Unusual task for casual worker (3-3)
 23 High-ranking officials in the band? (3-5)
 24 Different status seen using mental sharpness (10)
 25 One foot included by Liam. Both? (4)
 26 Devils clutching leading revolutionary allies (7)
 27 City key worn out (3,4)
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- 2 Called about six who were talking wildly (6)
 3 Modern fortress on Tyneside (9)
 4 Balmier sort of earth used for embankment (7)
 6 No shout emanating from Texan city (7)
 7 Plant firs, say (5)
 8 Peeress's joint title (8)
 11 Totis necktie, knitted fabric (11)
 15 Beastly flower? (5-4)
 16 Love to have eleven bumpy rides with chemical agent (8)
 18 Generate within using available strain (7)
 19 I'm past my best as a result of the deadlock (7)
 20 In alumni, some resistance to atomic nucleus (6)
 22 First person in France trapped Lou struggling with little energy (5)

SCRIBBLE HERE**QUICK CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Couple (7)
 5 Opposed (7)
 9 Constant change (4)
 10 Supervisor (10)
 12 In unison (8)
 13 Madness (6)
 14 NE US state (3,9)
 17 Secure an easy victory (3,5,4)
 21 Glowing (6)
 23 Elementary particle (8)
 24 Wound up a company (10)
 25 Require (4)
 26 Accuse of treason (7)
 27 French composer (7)

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- 2 Have a mudbath (6)
 3 Half of an eighth (9)
 4 Gospel writer (7)
 6 Pinafore dress (7)
 7 Norwegian dramatist (5)
 8 Seconder (anag.) (8)
 11 Computer program (11)
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 18 Roaming (7)
 19 In arrears (7)
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 22 Ooze (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No88****EASY****MEDIUM****HARD**

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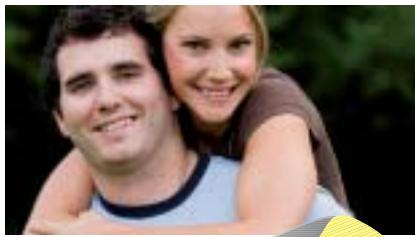
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SWEET DEBS

Hopeful, happy, shy girl, 22, loves all the normal stuff about life, searching for a mature guy, 24-39, for loving friendship and happiness. Box 880373

MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue eyed blonde, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time. Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

ME AND YOU

Medium-built girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

SEEKING MR Darcy

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004

HAPPY SHOPPER

Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTM loving, caring white male, 35-47, for long-term, loving relationship. No time-wasters. Box 442141

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402

FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447959

LIVING IT

Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun blonde, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5ft6, slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311

PERHAPS PERHAPS

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-2-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

WISHLIFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, lead-

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker; for LTR. Box 440693

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun love and laughter. Box 443573

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, 5ft6, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Nice looking, 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTM a genuine white male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

CHARM ME

Tall, blonde Russian girl, 42, from St Leonards, searching for single and sincere man, for friendship and more. Box 451019

A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green hair, likes cinema, animals; WLTM a genuine white male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy, cutie, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 451721

HERE'S LOVE TAKES US

Attractive woman with a great personality, looking for a mate, to meet a friend, seeking mate for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTM a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 884803

WHO DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

PROFESSIONAL

Funny bubbly sex black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft5, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTM mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819

ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469

A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for a companion and more! Box 880900

SWING THIS WAY

Sweet girl, 43, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, nurse, searching for active man, for pubs, clubs and good times. Box 451028

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking blonde from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON

Cute, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTM the right man for TLC. Box 880280

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437483

JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy blonde, 39y old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

BETWEEN US

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-2-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, lead-

LOVING AND GENUINE

Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Hastings. Box 440502

DO YOU FEEL THE SAME?

Hi ya, I'm 19, 5ft10, medium build, likes a quiet life style, looking for someone who can love/accept me and see what happens! Box 448722

ANY OFFERS?

Cute, funny, 21, 5ft6, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out. WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Hi I'm 37, new to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564

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THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports; cinema, animals; WLTM fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun love and laughter. Box 443573

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft6, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

A HEART ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic pubs, seeking a friendly chap, more. Box 449207

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, honest male. Box 449288

HERE & NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 449524

COULD IT BE YOU?

Young looking, 50, slim, 5ft6, a redhead, loves music, going out, cooking, seeking similar loving male. Box 449525

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, blonde, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

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PROPERTY NEWS

Rrepossession gloom lifted by Q1 figures

REPOSSESSION predictions for 2009, which were forecast at 75,000, were "pessimistic" according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML).

The CML had predicted the number for the year as a whole, but has now said the forecast is not as gloomy as at first thought, after analysing repossession figures for quarter one.

There were 12,800 reposessions by first-charge mortgage lenders, including buy-to-let, compared with 8,500 for the same quarter last year.

Although the number of reposessions was rising, the CML was optimistic its first forecast for the year had been too negative and will be revising the figure in its next housing market forecast.

Director general Michael Coogan said: "Despite technical issues this quarter affecting our ability to compare arrears and possession rates with earlier periods, it is clear mortgage arrears continued to increase."

"So did reposessions, but not as much as our 75,000 forecast figure for the year would suggest."

"So our forecast now looks pessimistic and we expect to revise it over the next month or so."

"Lenders are acutely conscious that behind the statistics are real people, many of whom are affected by the economic downturn and its impact on jobs, changes in circumstances and inability to refinance."

'Reluctant landlords' numbered in millions

FIVE million homeowners across the UK have considered renting out their home or rooms to survive the economic downturn.

Research from Unbiased.co.uk found many have considered becoming 'reluctant landlords', with younger home-owners hit hardest by the recession.

A third of those considering becoming landlords are debating whether to rent their property because they cannot sell it without making a loss.

Richard Winder, of Unbiased.co.uk, said: "The boom years created a wave of have-a-go landlords attracted by the promise of rising property prices and cheap buy-to-let finance."

"Now we're seeing a new wave who may end up reluctant landlords because they need more money and don't want to sell up in the current market."



ON THE MOVE: More homes were sold in April than at any time since October 2007, and 100,000 properties came onto the market in the same month

■ BY NICK AMES

ESTATE agents sold more homes in April than in any other month since October 2007, according to new figures.

Statistics released by the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) revealed the average estate agent sold 10 properties last month.

This was up from just eight per agent in March, and doubling from the low of five seen in August 2008.

Figures from analysts Globrix also highlight a possible reason for the increase in sales. They found sellers were returning to the market, with 100,000 new properties advertised in April.

The figures will provide a boost to the market and offer further evidence that while recovery might not be just around the corner, the prospects are looking healthier than for many months.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the NAEA, said: "What we are beginning to see now are consistent positive indicators that have held firm or improved since the begin-

Signs of hope as buyers return

ning of the year.

"Six months ago people were talking about how Britons' attitude to owning property had changed in the recession.

"The NAEA always said this was nonsense, and that demand for property remained strong, but confidence in the market had gone.

"These figures show confidence is returning."

But market analysts said the figures needed to be treated with caution and warned there could still be hard times ahead.

A rise in interest rates could cause the market to dip once again.

Daniel Lee, chief executive of Globrix, said:

"It would be foolhardy to start believing we're at the bottom simply because buyers and sellers are returning to the market."

"There are still likely to be rough waters ahead given the economic climate, particularly if interest rates start to rise."

"There is no doubt that this increase in buyer activity has had a knock-on effect with sellers, many of whom had taken their properties off the market because they were resigned to the fact that there was little hope of finding a buyer."

"Now that sellers believe buyers are out there, they are returning in droves."

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WITH homeowners spending a reported £11.3 billion on DIY products last year, it may appear that "getting someone in" is a thing of the past.

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Interior designer Ceri Rocca explains when it's best to go it alone, and when it may be better to reach for the phone in order to avoid a DIY mishap.

She said: "Improving our homes is still at the top of most people's 'to do'

list, with recent research suggesting that seven in ten of us think it's important to spend money on our property as an investment for the future.

"And with six in every ten planning on decorating soon, it seems the desire for change is as strong as ever.

"Despite this, many of us are trying to cut costs, so it's tempting to turn our hand to interior projects in order to avoid a hefty fee.

"Some jobs, however, may be a step too far for a budding amateur, result-

ing in a less than satisfying finish and an even larger bill to rectify the mistakes. There are jobs that certainly need to be looked at by a skilled specialist. Any major work that involves electrics or plumbing for example, requires a trained eye, as they can prove extremely dangerous in the wrong hands."

"You only have to consider the fact that about 200,000 people are hospitalised in the UK every year due to DIY related injuries, to realise that it's not worth the risk."



WARNING: Ceri Rocca

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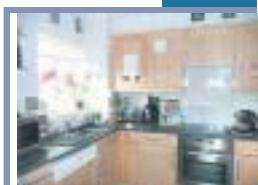
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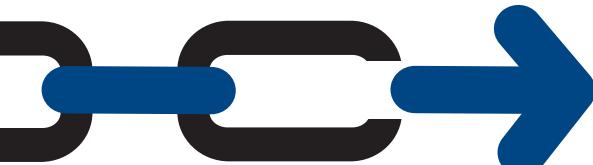


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Haynes Ford dealership gets visit from top boss

KENT'S first-ever Ford dealership, Haynes of Maidstone, which gained the franchise in 1911, was visited by current Ford of Britain chiefs MD Nigel Sharp and sales director Jon Wellsman, with district manager Paul Flanagan.

They met with Haynes' MD Andrew Haynes and operations director Peter Wright, who reported sales ahead of expectations, helped by the new Fiesta and Ka small cars and inquiries about the Government's 'new for old' scrappage scheme for 10-year-old vehicles.



Impressive first drives in transformed Mazda

FIRST drives of the new Mazda3 reveal a lighter, brighter transformation of the previous car.

More stylish and muscular with a smarter cabin and even better handling than before, it seems no accident that it wears a big wide grin on the front.

There are two new 2.2-litre sporting diesels offered: the lively 150PS (148bhp) impressed, so the 185PS will be a fierier. The 109PS (107bhp) 1.6-litre 'cooking' diesel will sell more though, but can be gruff under pressure. **SL**



Council planner comes up trumps with MiTo

DELIGHTED Samantha Beatty is pictured with keys to a sporty new Alfa Romeo MiTo after winning a prize draw at Lipscomb of Aylesford, Maidstone.

Samantha, 30, from Rainham, qualified for the draw after test-driving the supermini with sister Holly. She has won six months' use of a 1.4-litre 155bhp Lusso model.

The council planning research officer said: "It was such a nice surprise to get the phone call telling me I had won. I have absolutely loved driving it around."



LONGER LASTING: Peugeot has aimed for MPV-style seating flexibility and the 308SW can be bought with seven seats with all five rear seats able to fold flat individually

Peugeot's 308 steering clear of the MPV sector

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■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Reliability



Green rating



access though and adults would find that their knees gain a higher viewing point, but we are talking 'occasional' use here – anyone needing seven seats regularly should shop for a proper MPV.

And if you are not in row three, the 308SW is a nice place to be: the cabin is really classy and glassy and airiness is enhanced on upmarket models by a massive glass roof with an electric blind – you feel like you are flying a light aircraft.

But you remain grounded because the 308's Achilles heel is a chassis largely carried over from its 307 predecessor, making the 308 unsettled at times.

It leans on bends a little too, despite being more low slung than an MPV – but this car might have to cater for seven bodies or a crammed cargo area.

The 110PS (109bhp) 1.6-litre turbodiesel of the test car – a £20,795 SE flagship – is the best 308 engine I've driven, delivering reasonable power (0-60mph in 12.5 seconds), excellent refinement and averaging 50+mpg, but if you plan to use the SW's load-carrying prowess to the max then check out the more powerful petrol and diesel options available.



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OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

VAUXHALL VECTRA ESTATE



NO contemporary mainstream estate model could match the big Vauxhall for capacity. The boot carries 530 litres, but folding the rear seats boosts load capacity to 1,850 litres – a sharp contrast to the wimpy Vectra estate that preceded it. This is also a purposeful-looking load lugger that feels well-built and drives well. Unfortunately, smaller engines make hard work of it when the Vectra is loaded to capacity, so go for the bigger petrol units or excellent CDTi turbodiesels instead.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FAMILY ESTATES

VAUXHALL'S stylish new Insignia Sports Tourer is a far cry from its rather more utilitarian predecessor, the final Vectra Estate. But there is a recession on and the capacious Vectra 'holdall' is a bargain alternative for big families hunting an MPV. Estates have also cast off their old 'tradesman' tag in recent years and now revel in a more upmarket 'lifestyle' image, yet our three candidates are still serious load luggers – even the baby, the Nissan Primera, accepts 1,700 litres of luggage – and they are available with good diesel powertrains.

NISSAN PRIMERA ESTATE



ADDING an estate car rear to the standard hatchback toned down the futuristic styling of the final Primera – some might say, for the better – and created one of the nicest yet underrated estates on the market. You get a sharp handling, spacious and reliable load lugger that comes with plenty of standard kit; buy the refined and economical turbodiesel and you will have been really smart, though the slippery Primera lines make all versions refined and economical for their class.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD TOURER



HONDA'S well-built and specified Accord range is always knocking at the door of an 'exclusive' club created by the big three German executive marques. The previous spacious and able estate or Tourer version added further weight, since big swanky estates are what Audi, BMW and Mercedes do so well. The Accord offers 626 litres of space in 'normal' mode and 1,707 litres with seats folded. The line-up's 2.2 CDTi turbo diesel is also one of the smoothest and sportiest around.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Senior Communications and Media Officer

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Ref: SC/GC

Closing Date: 06 June 2009

For an application form and job description please contact:
Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00

Email: customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk

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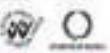
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Closing date: Midday, 4th June 2009.

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07/30

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For an informal discussion or visit, please contact Sr. Beryl Simmons, Matron Manager, Harty Ward, Tel: (01795) 879108.

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KOS MEDIA (PUBLISHING) LTD

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1. Advertisements will be accepted only on the express condition that the advertiser warrants that the advertisement does not in any way contravene any existing legislation and in particular the Trade and Description Act 1968 and the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

2. It is the responsibility of all advertisers to ensure that all advertising meets all forms of government legislation and KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd (the "media owner") takes no responsibility for liability in respect of or omission in the content of our media.

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5. Any unsuitable material posted on any website belonging to KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd by the advertiser or any associated third party will be removed or refused. All password and access codes supplied to the advertiser by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd in relation to their products or services will be the sole property of the media owner's online administration tool will be the responsibility of the advertiser. The advertiser indemnifies KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd against any damages as a result of misuse of these privileges by either the advertiser or any third party given password privileges by the advertiser.

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10. A guarantee of insertion cannot be given as the media owners shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by any error inaccuracy within your marketing content. In no case shall the total liability of the media owner for any error or omission exceed the price charged by the media owners for that advertising.

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15. Advertisers are requested to check their advertisements after the first insertion. The media owner will not be responsible for any errors on subsequent insertions, which have not been advised to them in writing.

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27. An order for an advertisement shall amount to acceptance of these terms and conditions, and any condition placed on an order by an Advertiser shall be null and void in so far as it conflicts with them.

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CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Division FourOffham CC 1st XI v
Bapchild CC 1st XI

OFFHAM were forced to settle for a winning draw against Bapchild, after they failed to take the final two wickets.

The home side got off to a poor start when opener Graham Razey was dismissed after contributing a solitary four from ten balls and Leonard Watt also departed cheaply, but Tom Gittings played the anchor role, scoring 89 and putting on a half-century stand for the third wicket with Ben Gittings, who was run out for 37.

Nathan Faulkes chipped in with 36 and Lawrence Bell added a useful 29 before he was bowled as Offham set Bapchild a target of 267 to win from 50 overs.

After openers John Heatley and Alan Hampton put on 36 for the first wicket, the visitors looked to be in trouble when they were reduced to 90 for 5.

Ben Fulton and Henry Fairweather steered them out of immediate danger, but when the latter was bowled by Mervyn Brooker with the score on 137 for 6, a mini-collapse ensued and Bapchild slipped to 155 for 8 when Mervyn Brooker pinged out Andrew Tredwell. However, Fulton stood unbeaten on 81 at the end, to secure the draw with Cameron Archbold at the other end.



FRUSTRATION: Offham (batting) fell just short of victory on Saturday as they were forced to make do with a winning draw against Bapchild

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**

Bexleyheath 1st XI v Addington 1st XI

ADDINGTON enjoyed a 92-run victory at Bexleyheath, with Mat Bruton and Joe Pigott both taking four wickets apiece.

Will Jeffery (50), Neil Scott (57) and Duncan Brown (70) provided the backbone of the Addington innings as they helped the visitors score at nearly a run a ball, posting 292 from 50 overs. Pigott had Bexleyheath opener Russell Allen caught by Jeffery for a duck and despite lower order resistance from Jack Woods and David Meeking, the home side were all out when Phillip Bone was trapped lbw by Brown.

Addington Village

	Runs	
Mark Rimmer	.ct Wiseman b Woods .ct Wiseman b Woods	5 20
James Tooze	.ct Heath b Bone	50
Will Jeffery	.ct Welte b Hobbs	19
Neil Miller	.ct Welte b Hobbs	57
Neil Scott	.ct Welte b Hobbs	57
Duncan Brown	.b Woods	70
Mat Bruton	.ct Wiseman b Hobbs	9
Ben Buet	.ct Burnham b Woods	5
Joe Pigott	.not out	27
Steve Meralls	.ct Patel b Hobbs	16
Dan Walton	.not out	2
Extras		12
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	292

Bowlers

	M	R	W
Grantleigh Burnham	0	1	33
Jack Wood	15	2	82
David Meeking	2	0	14
Phillip Bone	8	0	40
Chris Hobbs	14	1	72
Pat Heath	2	0	24
Ravi Patel	3	0	18

Bexleyheath

	Runs	
Raquib Bosuni	.b Pigott	22
Russell Allen	.ct Jeffrey b Pigott	0
Ravi Patel	.ct Buet b Walton	35
Chris Hobbs	.ct Merralls b Pigott	10
Phil Wiseman	.b Bruton	2
Nick Welte	.ct Jeffrey b Bruton	8
Pat Heath	.ct Toobez b Bruton	0
Jack Woods	.b Bruton	40
Grantleigh Burnham	.ct Scott b Pigott	16
David Meeking	.not out	38
Phillip Bone	.lbw b Brown	0
Extras		29
Total	200	

Bowlers

	M	R	W
Joe Pigott	8	0	69
Mat Bruton	14	3	52
Dan Walton	7	0	36
Ben Buet	7	0	31
Duncan Brown	13	0	9

Fulton's gritty innings denies Offham victory

SCOREBOARD**Offham**

	Runs
Graham Razey	4
Tom Gittings	89
Leonard Watt	14
Ben Gittings	37
Nathan Faulkes	36
Andrew Stuart	7
Lawrence Bell	29
Mervyn Brooker	12
Andy Cox	20
Steve Meralls	not out
Dan Walton	not bat
Extras	15
Total	(7 wickets, 50 overs) 266
Bowlers	
Barry Wood	0 M 30 W 1
Adam Larking	5 0 25 0
Matthew Roche	15 1 55 1
Alan Hampton	13 1 75 3
Ben Fulton	4 0 21 0
Lincoln Bryden	5 0 41 0

Bapchild

	Runs
John Heatley	14
Alan Hampton	19
Ben Fulton	81
Adam Larking	6
Lincoln Bryden	9
Lee Cogger	0
Henry Fairweather	19
Matthew Roche	4
Andrew Trigwell	5
Cameron Archbold	8
Phillip Bone	0
Extras	13
Total	137
Bowlers	
Leonard Watt	0 M 43 W 1
Andy Cox	10 2 30 1
Daniel Blackburn	6 0 38 1
Simon Hallbrook	6 2 23 2
Graham Razey	6 0 21 2
Mervyn Brooker	6 0 21 2

MID KENT LEAGUE DIVISION 1A

Cowdrey 1st XI v Yalding 1st XI

SWANMEAD proved an unhappy hunting ground for Yalding as they crashed to a 99-run defeat against Cowdrey.

The Tonbridge side were kept in check by a good all-round display from Jumshad Haider, who took 3 for 33 and ran out Andy Roberts to bowl Cowdrey out for 170, but things quickly went pear-shaped when Yalding tried to chase the target.

Only Scott Walker (20), Haider (10) and the extras column reached double figures as the visitors had no answer to Phil Sullivan's 5 for 31, collapsing to 71 all out.

Cowdrey

	Runs	
Andrew Hammond	.ct Falal b Haider	35
Lewis Wright	.ct Haider b Shepherd	11
Jacob Smith	.ct Robinson b Haider	0
Clen Warner	.b Shepherd	17
Jack Southwart	.ct Haider b Pervaiz	48
Andy Roberts	.run out Haider	0
Chris Jones	.b Gnannappiragasm	35
Will Needham	.b Pervaiz	2
Gary Marshall	.ct Hutchins b Gnannappiragasm	7
Rob Fenwick	.not out	0
Phil Sullivan	.ct Walker b Haider	0
Extras		15
Total	(7 wickets, 42.1 overs) 170	

Bowlers

	M	R	W
Dushyant Gnannappiragasm	8	1	41
Jumshad Haider	11	3	33
Anthony Shepherd	12	0	42
Andrew Robinson	6	0	33
Adnan Pervaiz	5	1	17

Yalding

	Runs	
Graham Hutchins	.ct Roberts b Jones	5
James Dugmore	.ct Needham b Jones	3
Adnan Pervaiz	.ct Marshall b Fenwick	0
Scott Walker	.b Sullivan	20
Alistair Ratcliff	.ct Roberts b Sullivan	1
Slumsar Haider	.ct Hammond b Sullivan	11
Zeehsan Fazal	.lbw Sullivan	0
Jumshad Haider	.ct Needham b Smyth	10
Anthony Shepherd	.ct Hammond b Smyth	0
Dushyant Gnannappiragasm	.not out	2
Andrew Robinson	.ct Southwart b Sullivan	4
Extras		15
Total	71	

Bowlers

	M	R	W
Rob Fenwick	6	5	3
Chris Jones	8	2	22
Phil Sullivan	8.1	4	16
Jacob Smyth	5	1	25
Will Needham	1	1	0

FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 2B

Yalding 2nd XI v The Mote 4th XI

YALDING'S second team beat The Mote at the weekend thanks to a brilliant 110 from Satwinder Aujla.

The Yalding opener was ably supported by Richard Field (33) and Ramanjit Bajwa (61) as his side went on to post a very competitive 250 for 6 from their 46 overs. All the Mote's bowlers came under attack as Chris Feltham took 3 for 30.

In reply, the Mote lost wickets at regular intervals with Matt Britz the only batsman to put up any form of resistance with 45. They were bowled out for 171.

Yalding 2nds

	Runs
Satwinder Aujla	110
Richard Field	33
John Ryan	15
Ramanjit Bajwa	61
Davinder Aujla	14
Lee Frimston	4
Joel Shoptland	0
Andrew Swaine	0
Raiptree Aujla	did not bat
Parvinder Heer	did not bat
Fergus Carty	did not bat
Extras	13
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs) 250

Bowlers

	M	R	W
John-Jacob Britz	11	0	63
Matt Britz	5	0	19
David Dramen	12	1	76
Mushi Chowdry	7	0	39
Matthew Mills	5	0	17
Chris Feltham	6	0	30

The Mote 4ths

	Runs
Robert O'Brien	4
Matt Britz	45
Raijevan Ravendran	17
Nigel Mullarkey	18
Ravi Shankar	2
John-Jacob Britz	33
Nick Mills	4
Mushi Chowdry	2
Chris Feltham	4
Matthew Mills	1
David Dramen	1
Extras	40
Total	(all out, 27.3 overs) 171

Bowlers

	M	R	W
Raiptree Aujla	3	0	35
Ramanjit Bajwa	7	2	28
Davinder Aujla	9	1	23
Parvinder Heer	12	2	25
Fergus Carty	6	1	40
Andrew Swaine	2.3	0	9
Lee Frimston	1	0	2

Offham

	Runs
Gary Evans	27
Peter McGonigle	15
Martin Goff	8
Neil Willis	0
Adam Kent	27
Duncan Brooker	11
Phil	

Stimson: 'We got the rewards we deserved'

Picture: ADY KERRY



DESERVED: Stuart Lewis (right) celebrates as the final whistle blows at Wembley

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson described the club's League Two play-off win as the best of his managerial career as he led his side back to League One at the first attempt.

Simeon Jackson's 90th minute header won it for the Gills as they deservedly beat Shrewsbury Town 1-0 at Wembley.

The Gills boss, who was in charge when the side were relegated from League One last season, said the credit goes to his players who have put the effort in over the course of the season.

He said: "I'm proud. It's taken a lot of hard work and that's the game we are in, if you don't put the hard work

FOOTBALL

in you don't get the rewards and I thought we got the rewards we deserved."

After taking his fair share of criticism since he took over in November 2007, Stimson said the play-off win goes some way to making up for the ignominy of relegation last season.

He said: "Relegation hurts more than you can imagine and we had to get over that. It means a lot financially, a hell of a lot and with some of the big teams like Leeds United, you can attract 9,000 to 10,000 to watch it."

FOOTBALL



DEBUT: Chris Smalling played for Fulham on Sunday

A Premier League debut for Smalling

FORMER Maidstone United defender Chris Smalling finally got his taste of the big time as he made his Premier League debut for Fulham on Sunday.

The 19-year-old came off the bench to replace Northern Ireland international Aaron Hughes for the final 13 minutes of the season. Fulham lost the game 2-0 to Everton at Craven Cottage, but results elsewhere ensured they qualified for Europe next season.

Smalling left the Stones last summer to join the Cottagers after catching their eye while on duty with England Schoolboys. Despite moving up six divisions the teenager settled in quickly at Fulham and was made captain of their reserves.

He travelled with the first-team on several occasions, but with Hughes and Brede Hangeland forming a formidable partnership in central defence he was forced to be patient.

Smalling made his debut for England under-20s last month and was finally given his chance by Fulham boss Roy Hodgson on the last day of the season.

Fleet's Hawkins makes a permanent move to Stones

FOOTBALL

■ BY FRED ATKINS

PETER Hawkins has joined Maidstone United on a permanent transfer deal, after spending the second half of the 2008/2009 season with the Stones on loan from Ebbsfleet United.

"Peter's signing is really important to us," joint-manager Alan Walker told the club's website, after completing the deal late on Friday night. "It means we have a very strong spine to our side for next season as we have now secured Jamie Turner, Peter Hawkins, Jay Saunders and Meshach Nugent. Add to that Roland Edge, Nathan Paul and James Pinnock and you start to see that straight away."

Hawkins, who lives in Kings Hill, had hoped to stay with the Fleet, but with manager Liam Daish's budget slashed, due to the failure of MYFC members to renew subscriptions in anything like last year's numbers, the Conference club had to release several players.

"It's been a difficult time for me, as all I've done since I left school is play football," Hawkins admitted. "I'm now starting a life away from full-time football and it will take some getting used to."

"I've had some offers from other clubs but I really enjoyed my spell with Maidstone last



SIGNED: Peter Hawkins has made his loan move from Ebbsfleet to Maidstone permanent for next season

season and Walks (Alan Walker) has been able to persuade me to stay permanently, which I was more than pleased to be able to do."

Hawkins made more than 100 appearances for Wimbledon before moving to York on loan and then Rushden & Diamonds. He joined Ebbsfleet in 2006 and was part of the team that became the first ever Kent side to win the

FA Trophy in 2008.

Hawkins' transfer is the club's second permanent deal of the summer, after signing the former Welling and Tonbridge keeper Jamie Turner from Ramsgate.

Further signings are expected, following the departures of Elliott Bradbrook and Andy Walker.

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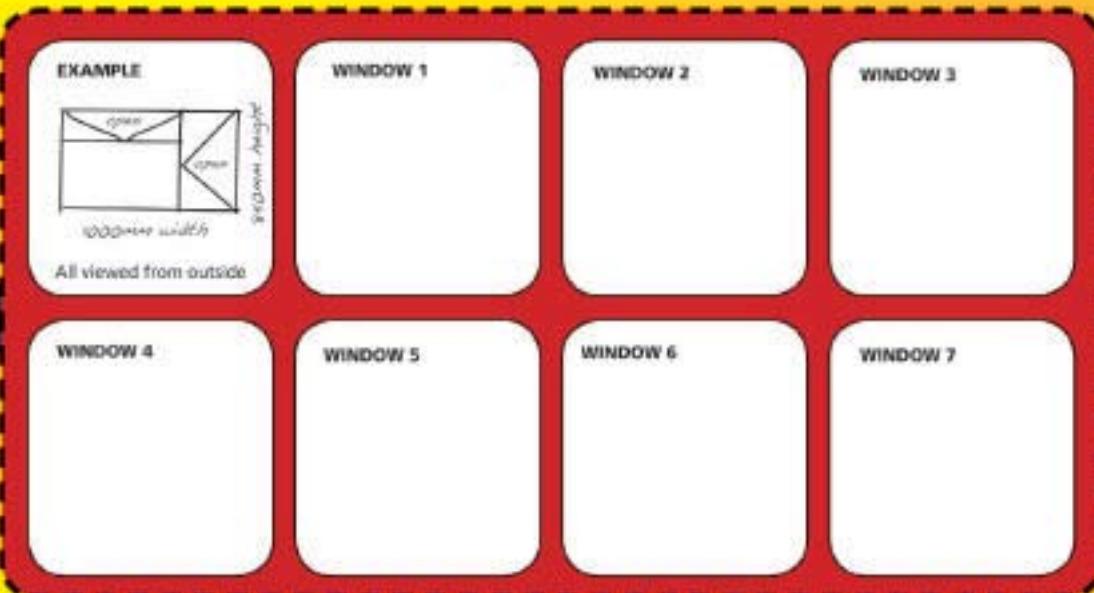
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